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Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:-

I conferred today with Mr. Joseph G. Baier. He told me that he conferred with you four years ago, and then gave to you the information which he has, most of which is hear-say.

He said that Mrs. Gibson was reputed to conduct a fence for stolen horses, and he related a particular incident of two horses stolen near Lancaster, Pa. which were found in Perth Amboy, after having been purchased from her. Mrs. Gibson was questioned at the Prosecutor's Office concerning it, and the matter was reported in the newspapers. Mr. Baier said that you have the newspaper file.

Mr. Baier said that a Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Brown, and their son, Walter Brown, live directly across the street from Mrs. Gibson, and know a great deal about her and her habits. He said that Brown sold butter and eggs to various members of the Carpender family, and he thinks he would tell what he knows. Mr. Baier thinks that the most likely member of the family from whom to get information is Walter Brown, the son, about twenty-one years of age. Walter Brown told Mr. Baier that Mrs. Gibson always carried a revolver with her, and that her son, William Easton, always carries one in the automobile in which he drives. Mr. Baier said that he himself saw a pistol under the front seat of the Gibson car. Mrs. Gibson and her son, William Easton, have the reputation in the neighborhood of prowling around nights, and have been suspected of chicken thefts. It is thought in the neighborhood that Easton is not her son.

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During the Winter of 1922-23, Mr. Baier picked up Mrs. Gibson along the road one snowy night, and gave her a ride home. During that ride she told him that she was the mother of a baby then two or three months old, referring to the child now living with her. Mr. Baier said that he did not believe that the child was hers. George Totten told him a few weeks ago that Mrs. Gibson told him that the child was hers by a farm hand named Whittaker.

Mr. Baier understands that she originally came from Secaucus.

Mr. Baier said that Dr. Harrup, a physician who does not practice, and his daughter, Louise, who live at Clyde Station, spent the evening of September 14th. at his house, and that he heard four shots, first three shots and then one shot at about 10.50 P. M., day-light saving time. He said that the next time that he saw Dr. Harrup, ~~that~~ he reminded him of the shots, but that Dr. Harrup professed not to have remembered it. Mr. Baier related these facts to Mayer of the Mirror, and Totten, about two weeks ago. At that time Totten told him that he knows of a man who was on the Phillips farm on the night of Sept. 14, 1922, who is a man of good reputation in New Brunswick, but who could not be induced to talk under any circumstances. This man is not a recent discovery, but his identity was known to him four years ago.

The foregoing is the gist of what Mr. Baier told me. He invited me to call to see him at any time for any further information that he might be able to give.

Yours very truly,

REW*MAH.

